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SUBJECT: MISS LILLIAN VISIT TO UPPER VOLTA: A SYMPATHETIC
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1. SUMMARY.MISS LILLIAN WAS A HIT IN OUAGADOUGOU. UPPER
VOLTA TOOK HER AND THE DELEGATION TO HEART, AND ITS PEOPLE
WERE OPENLY HONORED AT HAVING THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL
EMISSARY IN THEIR MIDST. CROWDS AND MEDIA COVERAGE WERE
ENTHUSIASTIC. THE VOLTANS HAD A MESSAGE TO GIVE TO MISS
LILLIAN ABOUT THE NEEDS AND HOPES OF THEIR NATION AND OF
THE SAHEL, AND THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT HER VISIT HERE
WILL ENSURE BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND CLOSER COOPERA-
TION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE FUTURE. END
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SUMMARY.

2. MISS LILLIAN'S TWO AND ONE-HALF DAY VISIT TO UPPER
VOLTA, ONE OF THE POOREST NATIONS IN THE WORLD, MADE A
STRONG IMPRESSION ON THE GOVERNMENT, THE MEDIA, AND THE
PUBLIC HERE. SHE AND HER DELEGATION WERE WARMLY RECEIVED
THROUGHOUT--FROM ARRIVAL, THROUGH EACH SITE AND FUNCTION

AT WHICH SHE APPEARED, TO THE FINAL DEPARTURE CEREMONY.

3. GOVERNMENT LEADERS WERE IMPRESSED THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAD SENT HIS MOTHER AS HIS PERSONAL EMISSARY TO THEIR COUNTRY. THEY WERE PROUD AND HONORED BY THE ATTENTION PAID TO UPPER VOLTA, AND BENT VERY EFFORT -- WITHIN ADMITTEDLY LIMITED MEANS-- TO ASSURE A WARM AND COMFORTABLE WELCOME AND STAY IN OUAGADOUGOU.

4. THE SATURDAY MORNING SESSION WITH CILSS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ALY CISSE AND HIS STAFF WAS A FOCAL POINT OF MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT. SHE AND HER DELEGATION RECEIVED COMPLETE BRIEFING ON CILSS AND ITS ACTIVITIES. THERE WAS A LIVELY EXCHANGE COVERING CILSS'S PROGRAMS, OPPORTUNITIES, AND PROBLEMS.

5. THE VISITS TO A FOLKLORIC PRESENTATION AT THE MAISON DU PEUPLE (PEOPLE'S HALL), CALLS ON MADAME AND PRESIDENT LAMIZANA, AND ON THE MORO NABA, EMPEROR OF THE MOSSIS, AND TOURS OF THE CENTRAL MARKET, A UNDP MODEL VILLAGE, AND A RURAL ARTISAN TRAINING CENTER, BROUGHT OUT ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOMING CROWDS AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

6. PRESIDENT LAMIZANA'S TOAST AT HIS STATE DINNER FOR MISS LILLIAN AND MANY OF HER DELEGATION AGAIN EMPHASIZED UPPER VOLTA'S SENSE OF HONOR AT HAVING PRESIDENT CARTER'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERSONAL EMISSARY IN OUAGADOUGOU, AND CALLED ON HER TO INFORM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OF CONDITIONS AND NEEDS IN THE SAHEL. FOLLOWING THE DINNER, PRIME MINISTER CONOMBO AND PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY GERARD KANGO OUEDRAOGO SOUGHT OUT WHITE HOUSE SPECIAL ASSISTANT RICHARD HARDEN (ACCOMPANIED BY AF/W DIRECTOR AND CHARGE) FOR LONG DISCUSSION OF UPPER VOLTA'S IMPORTANCE AS GEOGRAPHIC CENTER OF WEST AFRICA. THE TWO VOLTAN LEADERS MADE POINT THAT AS SITE OF CILSS AND CEAO HEADQUARTERS, WHATEVER USG MIGHT DO IN UPPER VOLTA WOULD HAVE IMMEDIATE REPERCUSSIONS IN SIX SURROUNDING NATIONS (MALI, IVORY COAST, GHANA, TOGO, BENIN, AND NIGER) AS WELL AS IN THE ENTIRE SAHEL. THEY URGED GREATER ATTENTION TO NEEDS OF THE SAHEL AND OF UPPER VOLTA.

7. THE VOLTAN MEDIA COVERED ALL ASPECTS OF MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT TO OUAGADOUGOU. SEVERAL ADVANCE ITEMS WERE CARRIED IN THE PRESS AND READ OVER RADIO DURING THE TWO WEEKS LEADING UP TO HER ARRIVAL, AND THE FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE REACHED THE POINT WHERE A SIDELY BELIEVED RUMOR HELD THAT FRIDAY, THE 28TH, WOULD BE DECLARED A NATIONAL HOLIDAY. (TO THE DISMAY OF SOME, IT WAS BUSINESS AS USUAL.) BUT

SEVERAL THOUSAND WOMEN NEVERTHELESS RESPONDED TO THE BROADCAST
APPEAL OF THE VOLTAN WOMEN'S FEDERATION TO COME TO THE
AIRPORT TO WELCOME MISS LILLIAN. THE VOLTAN PRESS BEGAN
SATURATION COVERAGE FROM THE MOMENT HER SPECIAL AIRCRAFT
TOUCHED DOWN. THE ENTIRE AIRPORT WELCOMING CEREMONY AS
WELL AS THE OFFICIAL CALLS ON MRS. LAMIZANA, THE PRESENT, AND
THE MORO NABA WERE FEATURED ON TV AND RADIO FRIDAY
EVENING.

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8. THE PRESS CONTINUED TO COVER ALL PUBLIC EVENTS THROUGH
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. RADIO, THE MOST IMPORTANT MEANS OF PUBLIC
INFORMATION IN UPPER VOLTA, FEATURED THE VISIT AS TOP ITEM
ON ALL WEEKEND NEWSCASTS. TELEVISION SUNDAY EVENING COVERED
DEPARTURE AND SUNDAY ACTIVITIES AND USED ABOUT 5 MINUTES OF
FILM FROM FOLSLORIC PRESENTATION EVENING SHOW. SUNDAY
EVENING NEWSCAST CARRIED 12 MINUTES INCLUDING ENTIRE FINAL
PRESS CONFERENCE (WITH ENGLISH EDITED OUT). MOOSE COMMENTS
INCLUDING IN INTIRETY. (LEAD ITEM ON NEWS). PRESS AUGUST 1
CARRIED WRAP-UP STORY ON VISIT, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION OF
LAST DAY SCHEDULE, EXCEPTS FROM PRE LUNCHEON TOAST AND MISS

LILLIAN'S REPLY.

9. FULL COVERAGE PROMINENTLY FEATURED THE PROPOSE OF MISS
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LILLIAN'S VISIT -- AS THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL EMISSARY TO
DEMONSTRATE AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP AND INTEREST IN VOLTAN AND
SAHELIAN DEVELOPMENT. MISS LILLIAN SUCCESSFULLY COMMUNICATED
WARMTH, CHARM, AND SINCEREITY TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

10. ASSESSMENT: UPPER VOLTA HAS FEW HIGH-LEVEL VISITORS
FROM THE UNITED STATES. MISS LILLIAN, AS A PERSONALITY IN
HER OWN RIGHT AND AS THE PERSONAL EMISSARY OF PRESIDENT
CARTER, MADE A STRIKING IMPACT IN THIS CAPITAL OF THE SAHEL.
THE VOLTANS BELIEVE THAT HER VISIT MARKED AN INTEREST ON
THE PART OF THE US WHICH THEY HAD NOT SEEN BEFORE, AND
THEY ARE HOPEFUL THAT THERE WILL BE FOLLOW-UP IN WASHINGTON,
ESPECIALLY IN THE CONGRESS, TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS, HOPES,
AND ASPIRATIONS OF UPPER VOLTA. THE VOLTANS BELIEVE THEY
ARE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND THEY HAVE NOT BEE
FULLY CONVINCED THAT WE UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT THEM IN
THEIR EFFORTS. MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT BROUGHT UPPER VOLTA
CONSIDERABLE ENCOURAGEMENT, AND WILL SERVE AS A FICAL POINT
FOR FUTURE CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS ON
THE PRESSING NEEDS OF UPPER VOLTA AND THE SAHEL. MISS
LILLIAN LEFT THE VOLTANS CONVINCED THAT HER VISIT WOULD
HAVE AN IMPACT IN THE FUTURE. KILLION

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